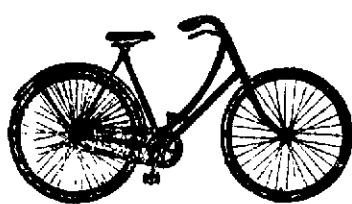


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SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our
Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

Special Police Appointed for Fri-
day Evening—Sixteen Chick-
ens from Fourteen Eggs—
King's Daughters' Annual
Meeting—Friday Evening's
Ball—A Sunday Evening
Scrap—Minor Notes.

AMPLE POLICE PROTECTION.

Special Officers Appointed to Protect
the Town Friday Evening.

At the request of the police committee
appointed by the Berkshire mill ball
committee, Chief of Police Curran has selected
a list of special officers to guard the town
Friday evening. They will be sworn in by
the selectmen this evening. Besides the
regular police force, with Sheriffs O'Brien
and Whipple, Constables Moriarty and
Harmon and Specials Dwyer and Charon,
these men were selected: James R. Pick-
ett, James Neary, John Kiley, John Ad-
ams, Jr., William Hodecker, Patrick
Whalen, Edward A. Dayette, George Sal-
livan, Henry A. Jones, James Day, Peter
A. Powers, James Cadigan, L. A. Jepson,
Duffy Gidway, Charles Estabrooks, Ar-
thur Robinson and Thomas Ferguson.

LIDA'S UMBRELLA BROKEN

And Michael Sullivan of North Adams
was Arrested.

There was quite a little excitement on
Park street about 7.30 o'clock Sunday eve-
ning caused by a scrap between Miss
Lida Goodnow and Michael J. Sullivan,
both of North Adams. The girl claimed
that Sullivan insulted her and she struck
him with her umbrella. He seized it and
broke it across his knee. A crowd gathered
and Sullivan who was intoxicated, used
some strong language which was prob-
ably more the reason of his arrest than
the alleged insult. This morning Sullivan
was arraigned before Judge Bixby on
charges of drunkenness and disturbing
the peace. The former was fined away
and on the latter he paid a fine of \$10.

FOUR CHICKENS IN TWO EGGS

John Stetson Claims He Has Two
Pairs of Twin Chickens.

John Stetson says he recently set a hen
on fourteen eggs and from them she
hatched sixteen chickens, who saw day-
light Saturday. When Stetson tells this
story his friends smile but this only
makes him more serious and he protests
in every manner and way that he is telling
the truth. He does not try to explain the
freak but only knows that there are two
more chickens than there were eggs and
says he is ready to show the chickens to
any who may desire to see them.

THOMAS H. MARTIN INSANE.

He was Taken to Northampton Today
by Sheriff O'Brien.

Thomas H. Martin, a tailor employed
by J. R. O'Brien, who boarded at Gorman's
boarding-house, became insane Saturday
and has been ranting and raving ever
since. This morning Sheriff O'Brien had
him examined by Drs. Riley and Boom
and they pronounced him insane as the
result of alcoholism and at noon the official
took him to Northampton Insane asylum.
Martin is a very well-informed man about
fifty years old and is dait principally on
matters of religion.

For Lovers of Music.

Percy, Howard, and Sidney Vernon,
the phenomenal juvenile musicians who
have during the past few years visited
almost every part of the United States
with great success, will be at the Baptist
church Tuesday evening. The youngest
boy sings an excellent tenor and plays
the cello proficiently; the next, sing-
soprano, plays a piccolo, and is an excellent
piano; the oldest boy has an alto voice of
great sweetness and extracts sweet mu-
sic from the violin.

The Murray Street Crossing.

At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning the
county commissioners will have a hear-
ing at the district court room, on the
petition to have a road and bridge across
the Boston & Albany railway at Murray
street. The question was raised some
years ago and left through. There is no
place in town which needs such con-
nection more; but the position of the railroad
and the street makes it impossible to
construct a bridge and crossing which
will not be dangerous.

King's Daughters Meeting.

The King's Daughters held their an-
nual meeting at the Congregational par-
ish house Saturday evening and after sup-
per the various officers' reports were read
and accepted and these officers were
elected. President, Mrs. Ella L. Little;
vice president, Miss Agnes Turabull; sec-
retary, Miss Susie Groves; treasurer, Miss
Maggie Curdall.

Friday Evening's Ball.

Major J. H. Whipple will be marshal
of the parade Friday evening and nearly
all local societies will take part. The
seating committee has made arrange-
ments to accommodate a vast number of
people. The band will sit in the center
of the hall. Seats have been taken there
from the opera house and other places.

Charles Bordick, charged with drunk-

enness was placed on six months proba-
tion.

The A. I. S. mine did not go to Ben-
nington Saturday as was intended.

The Trinity M. E. Ladies Aid society
will meet and serve supper Wednesday
evening.

In connection with the regular supper
at Mark's parish house Tuesday eve-
ning, there will be dancing with music by
Miss Bessie Judd and John Woods.

The W. C. T. union met at the opera
house at 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon and
Louis Small addressed the meeting on
"Intemperance and Its Victims."

The many Adams friends of John A.
Coyne, brother of Rev. M. J. Coyne of this
town are gratified to learn that Mr. Coyne
successfully passed his final examination and
was graduated a doctor of medicine at
Jefferson Medical college in Philadelphia
Friday. Mr. Coyne is a bright young man
and has been well prepared for his medi-
cal career. He began his classical studies
at Boston college and completed his philo-
sophical course at the University of Ottawa.
Rev. Fr. Coyne attended the graduation
with his mother and sister of Clinton.
A new mail to Zylontite at 8 o'clock a. m.
was started Saturday morning.

William McNulty of Hudson, N. Y.,
spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs.
Bernard McNulty.

Miss Annie Egan of Pittsfield was Miss
Hanna E. Daniels' guest Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Jenkins of Portland, Me., for-
merly of Pittsfield, will preach in Wil-
lamstown Sunday morning and at the lo-
cal Congregational church this evening.

Mrs. N. M. Whitehead went to New
York today on business.

A large number of citizens, principally
German, formed a workingmen's benefit
association at Koehler's hall on Summer
street Saturday evening.

All the local societies have been in-
vited to attend and take part with the
Grand Army in the Memorial day observ-
ance. Lafayette band will furnish music.

Miss Celia Hughes of Lenox spent Sun-
day with her parents here.

B. F. Phillips, Jr., of Holyoke spent
Sunday in town.

The clock faces have been set in the
Berkshire mill tower.

Thomas Riley has applied for license
to bottle beer in the part of J. M. Mont-
gomery's building on Pleasant street oc-
cupied by Charles E. Deyo.

"Early Mission Work in Burma" will
be the subject of a meeting to be held in
the women's parlor of the Baptist church
at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by the
missionary branch of the Woman's union.

The foundation of F. D. Dudley's new
house on George street is nearly finished
and he will begin erecting the building
at once.

The will of the late Charles Conroy
will be acted upon at the June 2 session
of probate court in Pittsfield.

James Campbell was driving the 24 m-
ile express wagon at Maple Grove Sat-
urday afternoon when a wheel came off and
the horse was thrown to the ground. The horse
did not run away nor was Mr. Campbell
injured.

Charles Campbell, the drawing super-
visor of the public schools, spent Sunday
in Boston.

Rev. Mr. Boyce's sermon at Trinity M.
E. church Sunday morning was on "The
Necessity of Progress." In the evening
his theme was "Doubts of Thomas."

Rev. H. B. Foskett preached at the
Baptist church Sunday morning and
evening on these subjects, respectively:
"Work While the Day Lasts" and "The
Heart and Its Treasure."

CHESHIRE.

The tramps are coming to us in all forms
and conditions. A most peculiar case
was that of a strange character who
called on John L. Wood's people Thurs-
day night, making demands and threats
near midnight. Before he could be
arrested he disappeared.

The dry weather is already affecting the
farmers' prospects for a grass crop.

The Adams Grand Army post has voted
not to aid the Cheshire people in the
Memorial day exercises.

The president of the Water company,
L. J. Fisk, Secretary George Dean and P.
C. Brown went Saturday looking over the
prospects for a water supply increase.

They had Mr. Robbins of Pittsfield with
them to aid in making some suggestions
to the company, which met and transacted
their annual business at the town office
Saturday.

Harry Viner, who has been to the Ellis
college at North Adams but a few weeks,
has about mastered stenography.

Harry Roncoe, who has been in New
York, will return tonight.

Rev. Mr. Andrews of Dalton will give a
humorist lecture May 29, for the benefit
of the Sons of Temperance.

The Baptists will have an ice cream and
strawberry festival and entertainment
Tuesday evening.

The Cheshire Water Co., at its annual
meeting Saturday, reflected the old board
of officers: Clerk, G. Z. Dean; treasurer,
Joseph G. Northup; directors, L. J. Fisk,
J. B. Farnum and L. A. Northup. The
president will be chosen by the directors
and will probably be Mr. Fisk who is at
present acting president. An added sup-
ply was discussed and the directors are to
make investigations. The other branch
of the Kitchen brook it is thought can
be utilized at a reasonable expense as a
supply for dry seasons or for increasing
takers. This company is paying six per
cent dividends and has paid this for the
past fifteen years, but there will be some
expenses made for several new shut-offs
and gates before many years.

Rev. A. B. Church drew a fair atten-
dant at the Universalist church Sunday.
The day service is a much improved plan.
Charles Whipple of Holyoke spent Sun-
day with E. G. Brown and people.

Miss Maudie Bickford returned to Bos-
ton today.

The Baptist Sunday school will be given
a picnic in about four weeks.

Rev. E. N. Harding has started for New
Bedford to attend to the settling of the
estate of his deceased mother and will be
gone over Sunday, therefore there will be
no preaching in the Baptist church next
Sunday. The church voted to attend the
Methodist church in his absence.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

A. L. Masou is cleaning away the debris
of Yarter's carpenter shop.

David Hasten is painting his house on
Main street.

The roof to Clark hall is being repaired.
Dr. Merriman of Worcester was in town
and attended the college trustees meeting
Thursday.

Dr. Padcock of Pittsfield was in town
Friday in consultation with Dr. Smith.

The carpenter firm of Clark & Daniels
has been dissolved, Mr. Clark retiring and
A. S. Daniels carrying on the business al-
one.

The concert in the Methodist church
given by people from Blackinton Friday
evening was well attended.

A new back-stop has been built on the
old campus.

Mrs. Thomas Hastings of Charlestown is
very ill with pneumonia. Dr. Hull is in
attendance.

The lease held by Christie & Co. of the
store in Danforth block expired Saturday
and the counters and other dry goods fu-
tures were moved into the store formerly
occupied by J. T. Wells.

The postoffice will move to its new
quarters Memorial day.

BLACKINTON.

Arthur Rudman of Moody's school at
Northfield spent Sunday in town with his
parents.

Robert Schoutler and Carl Washburne
are on a bicycle tour to Schaghticoke,
N. Y.

Edwin Ashton and Herbert Taft left
town Saturday night for Washington, D.
C., being called there by the sad accident
that befall the family of Arthur Taft.

Prof. Lawrence of Williamstown assisted
by a large number of artists from this
village will give a concert for the benefit
of the Blackinton church, at Blackinton,
on Wednesday evening May 20. Admission
will be ten cents.

The community was startled Saturday
afternoon by a telegram announcing the
death by drowning of Frederick, the fif-
teen-year-old son of Arthur Taft of Wash-
ington, D. C. The dispatch as at first
given out stated that both sons were
drowned, but upon further investigation
it was found to be the oldest boy, and that
the accident happened while bathing.

Mr. Taft holds a government position as
electrician at Washington and only a
short time ago buried his wife, and this ac-
cident happening as it did makes it doubly
sad. The deceased spent the summer here
last year and made many friends by his
quiet and gentlemanly ways. The sorrow-
ing family have the sympathy and sin-
cere sorrow of the community.

ABOUT RINGS.

They Are Circles of Sentiment With His-
torical Centuries Old.

Old as sentiment itself is the ring.
Among the Italians it is the most treas-
ured possession of the people. In the sev-
enteenth century it was customary for
women to give to their lovers rings which
contained their portraits. These rings were
in the form of two clasped hands, in
which a hidden spring concealed the pic-
ture.

Another quaint custom of the long ago
was that of breaking a ring for betrothal.
Such rings were fashioned for the purpose,
being made of two twin circles and were
called gimmel rings, from the word gem-
mell, meaning twins.

A ring of pure gold was worn in 1857 and
just in the middle from her finger took
the broke.

Quoth she, "As a token of love you this take,
And this pledge I will keep to your sake."

The gimmel was also a favorite wedding
ring for many years. Dryden thus de-
scribes it in "Don Sebastian":
A curious artist wrought 'em,
With joints so close as not to be perceived.
Not that the pieces were so cunningly
fitted, but as Jane inscribed and he had say-
ed.

In the modern fondness for rings is seen
a survival of the barbaric love of display,
of superstition and of sentiment. The
habit of leading the fingers with jewels,
which some carried in the days of Rome,
is still in vogue. Our fingers are loaded with
rings, each point is adorned with precious stones,
is still in favor with a class in whom the
barbaric instinct is not yet exterminated,
while many a modern belle would like to
wear, as did the Empresses Paulina and
Julia, a ring which cost \$200,000 and
\$300,000. And she does often wear, as did
her Roman prototype, "sardonyxes, jas-
pers and emeralds on the joints of her
fingers."

Such displays deserve the condemnation
of a modern Seneca, but for the rings
worn by commoners or as a recognition
of some quaint old superstition or
tender sentiment there should be only
benefit.

Such rings are found upon the fingers
of women wedded to the church and of
women wedded to the men they love.
They shine upon the bride's hand of gold
and glitter upon the ring of the bride-
to-be. They sparkle beneath the glow-
ing eyes of radiant maidenhood and reflect
before many a sacred shrine the "light
that never was on land or sea." They hold
"the heart of a king" and for many a
king and loving hearts, and while hands of
love remain they will continue to be among
affection's most sacred symbols.—Phila-
delphia Times.

A Courteous Chief Justice.

A young lady spending a rainy evening
at the house of an old gentleman wanted
a cab to take her home. Her host started off
to fetch the cab. "Do let me stand go,"
she said. "My dear, the maid is also a
woman," was the grave reply.

The man was the late George Higgin-
botham, chief justice of the county. His
courtesy toward women was regardless of
rank or personal attractiveness. He would
take off his hat to his cook and how as
graciously as though she were a duchess.

A man was trying to lead a heavy
draft horse along the street. The ani-
mal refused to be led, and then the man
made several ineffectual attempts to
mount the refractory creature. At that
moment the chief justice came along, and
seeing the man's difficulty extended his
hand—as a mounting block.

The man put his foot in the hand and
mounted upon the horse's back. The chief
justice passed on quietly, but to an ob-
server the kindly deed recalled the words
of the Master, "Whoever will be chief
among you let him be your servant."

This courtesy made his manners good,
but it did not prevent his descent of justice.
A lawyer told this anecdote:

"I had once to appear before him in
chambers on behalf of a charming client
who had some property, but would not
pay her debts. The case was heard in his
own room, and he was extremely kind. He
stood when she entered, I think she
dropped her handkerchief, and he left his
seat to pick it up. Nothing could be gen-
tler than his manner, and I was congrat-
ulating myself on an easy victory, but when
the facts were heard the decision came
that my client must pay or spend six
months in prison."—Youth's Companion.

Where Is the Center of the Universe?

The city of London is said to be the cen-
ter of the land hemisphere of our globe.
In other words, it is claimed that a radius
of 6,000 miles on the curved surface of the
earth would describe a circle embracing
the whole of Europe and London as a cen-
ter, then from any other city on the planet.

Several other places have been claimed
as the "axis of the globe," C. Piazzi
Smith, the famous "pyramid astronomer,"
endeavored to prove that the great pyra-
mid situated on the desert spot of the
land surface. (See "Equal Surface Pro-
jection," by C. Piazzi Smith, edition of
1870, page 28.)

In ancient times it was claimed that the
temple of Delphi stood on the "navel of
the universe."

Several of the petty oriental kingdoms
have at different times laid claims to being
"the universal center," and at one time
the Chinese "claimed that the celestial
"purple cloud" was the center around
which the sun, moon and stars revolved.—
St. Louis Republic.

Mississippians are called "Tadpoles," the
ancient heralde device of France being
"three toads erect saliant."

COSTLY VIOLINS.

Some of the Famous Instruments and
Those Who Make Them.

The Amatis turned out instruments of
great beauty, some, indeed, being of in-
describable grace and finish, but the tone
is rather soft—small and without "body,"
as the violinist would put it—and for this
reason their violins do not command the
highest figures. A Nicola Amati may be
had for from \$20 to \$300, according to
size, pattern, preservation, pedigree, etc.
A good Andreas Amati, more suitable for
chamber than for ordinary concert use,
can be got for \$50. Andreas, who died
about 1675, was the founder of the family
of makers. Very few authentic instruments
of his make are extant, and those that do
exist are not in a high state of preserva-
tion. Nicola, the grandson, was the
most eminent of the name, and he is be-
lieved to have derived his skill from having
been the master of Stradivarius. Al-
though he worked, as a rule, on the small
pattern adopted by the rest of the Amatis,
he made some very fine large violins—the
so called "grand Amatis"—which are al-
most worshipped in these days, and which
bring the price of the instruments to \$1,000.
Even during his lifetime his instruments
were in high repute. Charles IX of France
gave him an order for 12 violins, 6 violas
and 6 cellos, for his private band.

Before the French revolution (1789)
most of these instruments could be seen
in the chapel royal, but after the days of
the 4th and 6th of October, 1793, they all
mysteriously disappeared, and their subse-
quent history is uncertain. One of them,
a cello, was sold in the early years of the
century to Sir William Curtis. It was put
up at 500 guineas and bought in at 250
guineas. In 1872 the instrument belonged to
the Rev. A. H. Bridges, who showed it in
the loan exhibition of that year.

In Stradivarius and Guarnerius del Jesu
we reach the zenith of perfection in violin
making. The Guarnerius family, like the
Amatis, consisted of several distinct fam-
ilies, whose work is often confused. They
all form an important branch of the Cra-
mona school, but when violinists speak of
a Guarnerius they mean an instrument by
the hand of the race—to wit, the Joseph
Guarnerius who was born in 1697 and
who is designated "del Jesu," from the
curious habit he had of putting across and
the letters "I. H. S." on his labels.

Guarnerius del Jesu stands next to Stra-
divarius himself as the greatest violin
maker of the French period. He seems to
have turned the cold shoulder on Lady
Blessington and Count O'Drory when
they approached him in Paris. There was a
story going at the time, for the accuracy
of which we certainly will not vouch, but
which appeared in several of the London
papers.

Shortly before Lady Blessington's death
she met, so the story goes, the president
driving in the Champs Elysees. He stopped
his carriage, she stepped hers, and they
conversed for a few minutes. His manner
seemed to her determinedly chilly. "Did
you stay long in Paris?" he asked as he
was about to drive on. "No," she an-
swered. "And you?"—London Speaker.

When the Day Will Be a Month Long.

Do you know that the day, which is now
only 24 hours long, is slowly increasing in
length, and that it will eventually be 25,
26 or even 100 hours in length? This
statement, strange as it may sound to one
who has never read the results of observa-
tions made on that score, is believed to be
true in every respect. Not only will the
earth's rotation slow up until the day will
be one, two and three times as long as it
is at present, but this process of slowing
will increase with time, until the day will
eventually be a week or even a month in
length. The "retarding medium," which
the astronomers speak of as being the
cause of this phenomenon, is not fully
understood at present. Professor Ball says
it is the friction of the tides which is
responsible for the most of it. He argues
that the time will come when the day will
be a full year in length! Others among
the astronomers, among them the late
de la Hire, declare that it will be impos-
sible for this day lengthening process to in-
crease beyond one lunar month.

This certainly looks plausible if we con-
sider the tides as being the cause of the
trouble. However, Professor Ball, who
has long been astronomer royal of Ireland
and the British authority on as-
tronomy, knows just about whereof he
speaks, and if he says the day must event-
ually lengthen a year we had better pre-
pare for the nightless season without ask-
ing any questions.—St. Louis Republic.

Hector's Great Scheme.

Enter the man of the house with a tele-
gram in his hand "Too bad! Too bad!"
Here I am called to New York in the most
unexpected manner on business of the
greatest importance to the firm. I will be
compelled to stay there two weeks, just
when my car is ready to move and need me
so much!"

"Why, Harlow, I never heard of such a
disgraceful thing in my life—leaving me
to move alone, when there are new carpets
to put down and new curtains to put up,
and your not around to help!"

"You must hire a man, my love."

"But the expense!"

"Oh, hang the expense! You don't
suppose I'm going to let you do it your-
self? Not much! I'd rather pay double
than have you killed with worry! Now I
must pack and be off!"

Wife (next morning)—What luck!
Think of having everything my own way
for two weeks, without Harlow driving
me to despair by his notions. I'll hire a
man that won't dare to call his soul his
own and have things done for once the
way I want them.


Harlow (on phone)—Wasn't that dead
easy, though? I know the little woman
will miss me and grieve over my absence,
but I'll buy her a nice present and make
it all right. Great thought, that tele-
gram!—Detroit Free Press.

Didn't Want His Share.

Perry Patette—What do you think of
this hero idea of the progress of the coun-
try being mostly due to the division of la-
bor?

Wormy Watson—Oh, I guess it is all
right, but they needn't take the trouble to
divide no labor with me.—Cincinnati En-
quirer.

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